October 26-30, 2026

Good Afternoon,

The KC fall weather has been incredible this weekend. Hopefully, all of our families had a chance to enjoy the outdoors.

Our students have had a strong start to second quarter both in and out of the classroom. Be sure to check out our celebrations below. Our Jaguars continue to thrive!

Have a wonderful Sunday evening,

Dr. Holder

Learning Schedule for the Week:

Monday: Blue Block Day

Tuesday: Silver Block Day

Wednesday: Blue Block Day-Late Start-Classes begin at 8:20

Thursday: Silver Block Day

Friday: Blue Block Day

Catty Shack Student Survey:

Please consider completing this form for the Catty Shack to help support this team ensuring that the Catty Shack has what students want!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecVj9EnEQDZINh8QornFFZdtrzZvZ1l-wCKXQF74E5JlBVfw/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Relay for Life: Thrift for a Cure:

Come shop with us! Relay for Life's annual Thrift for a Cure event will be November 14th from 8am-1pm with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Want to donate gently used clothing or items to the sale? Please box or bag donations and bring them to the front office of Mill Valley during normal school hours throughout the month of October.

MV Performing Arts:

The MVHS Performing Arts department will present the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" November 11-15. Performances will be in the Performing Arts Center. Showtimes are 7PM on Wednesday, November 11, Thursday, November 12, and Saturday, November 14. The final performance will be a 3PM matinee on Sunday, November 15. Tickets may be purchased at the MVHS online ticketing website (https://www.gobound.com/ks/schools/millvalley/tickets). Come out and support our amazing MV student actors, musicians, and crew members!

Interested in Community Service?

If you are interested in community service at MVHS, click the link to find out more information and how you can get involved.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAAA822A0FEC25-66079828-trash#/

Counseling message:

2nd Semester Schedule Changes

Just a reminder…

When students were asked to choose their courses last spring, they were asked to choose with intention since they wouldn't be allowed to change their schedules. This is true for 2nd semester courses as well. The following are the requests that would be considered.

1. A teacher requests a student to move to their class.
2. A student has failed a year-long course, and the teacher recommends they move to another course.

ACT Prep Class

Please click on the link below for the latest information regarding ACT Prep Classes hosted by Power Prep.

http://actprep.info/millvalley

ACT WorkKeys Testing: Wednesday, October 28:

Students who are enrolled in the Applications of Math course will be taking the ACT WorkKeys test during the morning on Wednesday, October 28th, beginning at 8:30 am. Students testing will need to bring their laptop fully charged for the WorkKeys test, as it is a completely online exam. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Welzenbach and/or Mr. Mailen this week.

Crisis Drill #1: Thursday, October 29:

We will have our first of three, Crisis Drills this Thursday, Oct. 29th around 10:35 am. The *Students Safe at School Act* mandates notification of an upcoming crisis drill when it includes training for response to an intruder within our school. Participation in the age-appropriate drill is highly encouraged since practice creates higher likelihood of successful performance; however, parents do have the ability to opt their child out of the drill. There are no consequences for opting out of the drill, and follow-up safety education will be provided. Please know, these drills are created to be age appropriate in a way that's calm and caring for our students. All of our drills are brief and have direct oversight from school administration, including School Resource Officers when applicable. **If you choose to opt out your child, please let us know by: Tuesday, October 27th at 4 pm, by contacting Mr. Mailen via phone or email.**

Congrats to our Jaguars:

Volleyball:

Our volleyball team hosted the 2026 6A East Sub-State Tournament at Mill Valley this past Saturday. The Jaguars opened the tournament strong with a dominant performance versus Shawnee Mission South. In the Championship game, the Jaguars played against the Olathe Northwest Ravens. The Jaguars surged with intensity ahead winning both sets 25-17 and secured the 2026 6A Sub-State Champion title. The Jaguars are the number one seed going into the state tournament with a record of 35-0.

The state tournament this year will be hosted at the AdventHealth Sports Park at Blue Hawk (7951 W 160th St, Overland Park, KS 66223). They will

have pool play games this Thursday, October 29th at 11:00, 1:00, and 3:00. The Semi-Final and Final matches will be on Saturday, October 31st. Please come out to support our girls this Thursday as they begin their run towards a state title!

Football:

Our football team capped off their regular season with a victory over Olathe East on Friday. The final score was 49-13, and our Jaguars improved to a record of 8-0 for the regular season. The Jaguars are currently seeded #1 in the 6A East Region and will be hosting our first postseason contest this Friday, October 30th against Shawnee Mission West. Come out to support our boys this Friday at the MVHS football field as they begin their postseason run!

Soccer:

Our boys soccer team will be playing at 6:00pm this Tuesday, October 27th versus JC Harmon High School at Art Lawrence Stadium. Our boys will be competing in the regional round of postseason play. Come out to support our boys soccer team this Tuesday as they begin their postseason run!

Scholar's Bowl Teams Begin Their Seasons:

Both our Varsity and JV Scholar's Bowl Teams competed in their first tournaments this week. The JV competed at the De Soto HS Tournament on Wednesday and the Varsity competed at the Washburn Rural Tournament on Thursday. Both teams had strong starts to their seasons and look forward to their next competitions.

Robotics Competes in *The Cow Town Throwdown*.

Our Robotics Team competed in their first tournament of the season at Lee's Summit High School this weekend. Team 9316 (freshman and sophomore team) were chosen for the 3rd alliance and that alliance ended up as runners up overall! A great first tournament for our Team and they look forward to continuing their growth for the season.

Cross Country:

Cross Country hosted the 6A Sub-State meet this past Saturday at Johnson County Community College. Our girls team were Sub-State runner up and qualified for the state meet at Rim Rock on 10/31. Audrey Howard was the Sub-State Champion and finished with a new PR! We had 5 girls earn all-sub state honors: Audrey Howard, Hailey Hanna, Addi Fulps, Kate Culbertson, and Anna Schmidtmann. Lexi Lamberson and Taylor Parks rounded out our team placement. We placed 7 girls in the top 22. Howard, Hanna, Fulps, Schmidtmann, and Lamberson ran PRs while Parks and Culbertson just missed their PR.

Our boys team finished 5th. We had two boys earn all Sub-State honors and advanced to the state meet: Graham Anderson and Asher Yager. Graham Anderson was the Sub-State runner up, and Asher Yager ran a 30-second PR to place 7th and advance to his first state meet! Other team members included Jake Thomas (PR), Xavier DeHaven, Zach Thomas (PR), Zach Spandet, and Brody Garcia (PR).

Our qualifiers will be racing at Rim Rock Farm (2276 Burnett Ln, Lawrence, KS 66044) this Saturday, October 31st.

Thank you,

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